



# Stormwater Best Management Practices Fact Sheet Series

## Auto Repair Facilities



Automotive fluids are one of the leading causes of stormwater pollution

Automotive repair shops regularly generate hazardous wastes. Parts cleaning, fluids draining and other activities in your repair shop can produce hazardous wastes such as spent solvents, waste antifreeze and contaminated used oil. If improperly managed, these wastes can threaten wildlife or contaminate drinking water.

### What can you do to prevent pollution?

- Operate a clean, dry shop
  - Sweep shop floor frequently; do not hose down
  - Clean up spills promptly using absorbent materials
  - Never sweep or flush wastes into sanitary sewer or storm drain
- Prevent spills and leaks
  - Drain fluids from leaking vehicles as soon as possible
  - Use drip pans
  - Store bulk or waste fluids in secondary containment
- Practice waste reduction and recycling
- Store parts and equipment inside or in enclosed areas
  - If work or materials storage must be done outdoors, cover or berm work areas
- Wash or rinse parts indoors in designated, contained areas
- Never dispose of automotive fluids in the sanitary sewer or storm drain
- Train employees to practice pollution prevention; post best management practice guidelines around the shop



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